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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2006.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8.11.06; 2.21.07</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This non-final office action is in response to the application filed 11 August 2006.
2. Claims 1-4 are pending. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 11 August 2006 and 21 February 2007 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

4. The examiner accepts the drawings filed 11 August 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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6. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Phinney et al. (US 6760029, filed 11 March 1999, hereafter Phinney).

As per independent claim 1, Phinney discloses a character display method for displaying a document on an information terminal, said document including a plurality of character types, said character display method comprising the steps of:

storing a predetermined character type into a storage device in advance, said predetermined character type being specified from among said plurality of character types (Figure 2, item 32; column 5, lines 54-61: Here, a target font is retrieved from storage into memory)

extracting characters of said predetermined character type out of said document (Figure 2, item 34; column 5, line 62- column 6, line 6: Here, it is determined whether the predetermined character type is suitable. One way in which this is determined is by determining if the extracted character is part of the predetermined character type. This includes the extracting of characters from the document to determine if the characters are contained within the font)

identifying characters which, of said extracted characters, indicate feature of said document (column 6, lines 7-18: Here, characters are identified that correspond to characters within the predetermined character type)

displaying said identified characters in a predetermined arrangement (Figure 11, item 212)

As per dependent claim 2, Phinney discloses wherein said predetermined character type includes a character, the character belonging to the same character type and being specified in advance (Figure 2, item 32; column 5, lines 54-61).

As per dependent claim 3, Phinney discloses wherein the predetermined character type includes an ideographic character (column 1, lines 17-27).

As per dependent claim 4, Phinney discloses wherein said predetermined character type includes characters which, of Alphabet, indicate consonants (column 1, lines 17-27).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KYLE R. STORK whose telephone number is (571)272-4130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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